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CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

DATE: 4/22/2021

DOCKET #:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Laura O'Brien
Office: Councilman, District 3, City of Zachary
Parish: EAST BATON ROUGE
Election Date: 11/6/2018
Level of Office: Any

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 10-G
Original Due Date: 11/28/2018
Date Filed: 2/5/2019
Activity Receipts: \$600.00
Expenditures: \$408.30
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$652.08

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1000
Days Late: 69
Late Fee Order Received: 10/20/2020
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 11/9/2020
Waiver Request Received: 10/26/2020
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Laura O'Brien request a waiver and states the following: To be honest, she gets really confused with all that needs filed and when. It was also 2 years ago and she couldn't tell you why it was late. She spoke to someone earlier in the month who said she was welcome to request a waiver. She apologizes for being late. She is very successful and organized in her personal businesses and career, but somehow cannot get this ethics filing thing together.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: Yes
Reassessed Late Fees: Yes

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No

October 6, 2020

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to ask for mercy and a waiver for the \$240 fine for filing my 10-G late in the 2018 election. To be honest, I get really confused with all that needs filed and when. It was also 2 years ago and I couldn't tell you why it was late. I spoke to someone earlier in the month who said I was welcome to request a waiver, but probably would be denied. In my opinion, it's a no until I ask.

I also apologize for being late. I am very successful and organized in my personal businesses and career, but somehow cannot get this ethics filing thing together.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura O'Brien". The signature is stylized with large, flowing loops.

Laura O'Brien
City of Zachary
Councilwoman
District 3

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2018
2019

69 days late

September 25, 2020

Laura O'Brien
1748 Lake Pointe Ave.
Zachary, LA 70791-7308

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

waiver request
10.9 → → att: Melissa Horn

RE: Late fee assessment for the November 6, 2018 Election
2019 Supplemental Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 6 days late

Dear Laura O'Brien:

Enclosed is an assessment of a late fee pursuant to La R.S. 18:1505.4 and La. R.S. 18:1511.4.1. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$240 payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. **Please note that late fees can only be paid by the candidate or by his campaign.**

You have 20 days from receipt of this letter to dispute this assessment. You may elect to do either or both of the following:

1. You may submit your request for a waiver to the attention of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Waivers are handled by the Ethics Board. The Board of Ethics may reduce, suspend, or decline to waive a late fee assessment based on the cause shown by the person, candidate, or political committee. If you submit a request for a waiver of the late fee to the Board of Ethics, your request should contain details as to why, in your opinion, you have good cause why your report was not timely filed. Also, if you would like to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. The request should be submitted to the attention of the Board of Ethics at the following address: P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

2. You may appeal the assessment directly to the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

Appeals to the EAB are proceedings before a three judge panel. The determination is made regarding whether the person, candidate, or political committee was required to file the report and whether the report was filed late. **Mitigating factors are not considered during an EAB proceeding. The EAB does not have the authority to reduce, suspend, or waive a late fee assessment.** If you choose to appeal the assessment to the EAB, you should submit your request for an appeal to the attention of the Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Board of Ethics at P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

If you timely submit a waiver request or appeal, your name will not be posted on the website pending the result of your appeal. Furthermore, if you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting.

If you do not pay or dispute the assessment of the late fee within 20 days from the receipt of this letter, the matter will be forwarded to the Attorney General's Office to pursue collection. If the matter is forwarded to the Attorney General's Office for collection, you may be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Additionally, late fees not paid by the due date will be posted on the agency website.

You should be aware that unpaid campaign finance fines, fees or penalties may have an adverse effect on your ability to run for public office in the future, as the Board of Ethics will object to your future qualifications for candidacy for public office pursuant to La. R.S. 18:491 and R.S. 18:492.

Sincerely,

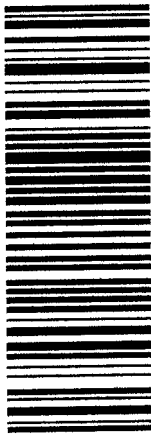
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